

Senior HEVO Guidance

 **VOLLEYBALL
ENGLAND**

**SENIOR
HIGHER EDUCATION
VOLLEYBALL OFFICER**

2024-25 Programme

WHAT IS THE HEVO PROGRAMME?



The Higher Education Volleyball Officer (HEVO) Programme is a volunteer initiative that sees students take up official ambassador roles and deliver recreational volleyball at their university during the academic year, with support from Volleyball England.

ROLE OF A SENIOR HEVO

1. Utilise experience to act as a mentor to HEVO's within your regional network.
2. Collect termly participation reports from HEVO's within your region and forward to Volleyball England by the required deadlines.
3. Join the committee of a community club or regional association to develop Higher Education pathways in your area.
4. Work alongside Volleyball England to improve resources, course information, and best practice scenarios shared with the HEVOs.

Read the full role description [here](#)

ATTRIBUTES OF A SENIOR HEVO



- Helpful to others
- Excellent communication skills
- Good organisational Skills
- IT and social media literate
- Understanding of university volleyball
- Passionate about developing sport
- Willingness to mentor others
- Keen to learn
- Can work independently and as a team
- Friendly and approachable

WHY THE PROGRAMME IS SO POPULAR?

Student Experience

- 9/10 rating of fun by students when scoring the HEVO Programme
- 38% of students went on to represent their University
- 36% of students stated that a break and having fun with friends was their main motivation for participating

Health and wellbeing

- 10% of students stated that a break from studying was their main motivation for participating
- 1-2 Hours per week is the average time spent playing volleyball as part of the programme
- 20% of students stated that keeping fit was their main motivation for participating

Reaching the less active

- 25% of students had never played volleyball
- 55% international students including 95 different nationalities
- 56% of students in the programme are female

PERKS OF THE PROGRAMME

Employability

- Enhanced CV and improvement in transferable skill set
- Volleyball England references
- Networking opportunities

Leadership and Opportunities

The opportunity to mentor students coming through the programme, leading groups and individual catch ups with the HEVO's.

Opportunities to get involved in the Student Cup organisation, clubs, county or regional committees, gain access to future training by Volleyball England (Future coaching courses).



PERKS OF THE PROGRAMME

Training

Students are inducted into the role through a free space at the HEVO Conference unless they are also a HEVO (HEVOs pay a subsidised amount for the conference).

Students will complete a number of practical and theoretical workshops, including how to organise tournaments, beach volleyball, & sitting volleyball workshops.

Students will have access to a range of CPD resources, and continued support from Volleyball England.

COMMUNICATION

WhatsApp/ Facebook

Set up a new WhatsApp group or facebook group so that you can easily keep in contact with the HEVOs in your region.

Encourage the sharing of best practice between the universities, including studies, pictures, and top tips.

Emails

Email HEVOs so they have your email to send you termly reports before deadlines.

Make HEVO's aware of opportunities that they can get involved in in their region. This could include playing, courses, volunteering etc.

Zoom/ Phone Calls

Termly video calls with the HEVO's within your region, with Volleyball England, and other Senior HEVOs.

HEVO CONFERENCE

Thursday 12th September & Friday 13th September 2024.
National Volleyball Centre, Kettering.

Transport & Accommodation

Transport to and from the venue and accommodation is to be confirmed but will be supplied unless stated otherwise.

Kit

All HEVOs will receive a HEVO-branded Errea hoodie and t-shirt in a size of your choice. In 2023, HEVOs rated the kit 4.6/5 and the RRP is £70

Training

HEVOs will participate in both practical & theoretical workshops, specifically designed to provide them with the necessary tools required for the role.

Food & Drink

Lunch & a hot dinner will be provided on the Thursday with breakfast and lunch on the Friday. Cold refreshments will be provided throughout the conference.

CONTACT DETAILS

Volleyball England

General inquiries : hevo@volleyballengland.org : 01509 974700

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Regional Chairs

Please feel free to get in touch with your regional chairs. If you are looking to enter community leagues, offer coaching or refereeing in your local area or access local support, they will be able to help.

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